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TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccine

FROM: Mick Bolduc-Vaccine Coordinator, Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) 

DATE: August 2, 2013

SUBJECT: DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel®) vaccine supply

The primary purpose of this communication is to provide you with an update on the temporary shortage of DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel®) vaccine.

DTaP/IPV/Hib supply

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and Sanofi Pasteur have provided the Connecticut Vaccine Program with an update on the shortage of Sanofi Pasteur's DTaP/IPV/Hib vaccine (brand name Pentacel®). Sanofi had originally planned to make additional doses available in August 2013 with a full return to market expected in September of this year. However, as a result of an unexpected delay in the process needed to release new doses of Pentacel®, **providers will not be able to order any doses of Pentacel® from the CVP during the month of August.**

CDC has also notified the CVP that the temporary shortage of GlaxoSmithKline's DTaP/IPV/Hep B combination vaccine (brand name Pediarix®) has been lifted and is back in full supply. Providers who wish to order additional doses of Pediarix® or single DTaP, IPV, or Hib to make up for any doses of Pentacel® they will not be receiving can contact the CVP at (860) 509-7929. I understand the frustration that all providers must feel given the continued vaccine shortages of the past few months. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.